

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement comprising an air-bag, and a gas generator to generate a gas to inflate the air-bag, the gas generator being ~~hingedly~~ connected to a support so as to be moveable between a closed position in which part of the gas generator extends across an aperture communicating with the interior of the air bag to close the aperture, and ~~a second~~ an open position in which ~~said the~~ aperture is opened to ~~permit the flow~~ reduce the pressure of the gas ~~from within~~ the air-bag, the gas generator initially being retained in the closed position by a retainer, the retainer being actuable, in response to a signal, to enable the gas generator to move ~~hingedly~~ to the open position.

2. (Original) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the retainer is actuated by a pyrotechnic charge.

3. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim ~~4 or~~ ~~Claim 2~~ 12 wherein the retainer includes at least one catch which initially extends over part of a flange carried by the gas generator, the retainer also including an arrangement to move the ~~or each~~ catch to a position in which it does not extend over the flange of the gas generator.

4. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to Claim 3, wherein ~~the or each catch~~ one or more of the catches comprises an elongate element pivotally mounted at one end adjacent part of the flange, ~~the or each catch~~ one or more of the catches overlying the flange and being arranged so that actuation of a piston-and-cylinder arrangement will cause the catch to move to a position in which it no longer overlies the flange.

5. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 3, wherein two ~~said~~ of the catches are provided.

6. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to Claim 3, wherein ~~the or each catch~~ one or more of the catches is provided with a substantially centrally located pivot, a first part of the catch to one side of the pivot engaging with the flange ~~the other~~ and a second part of the catch being located adjacent a piston-and-cylinder device, such that movement of ~~the~~ a piston of the piston and cylinder device will cause rotation of the catch to a position in which ~~said~~ the first part of the catch no longer engages the flange.

7. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the retainer comprises an exploding bolt.

8. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the retainer comprises a piston-and-cylinder unit arranged to engage and

move part of a flange carried by the gas generator so as to move the gas generator to the open position.

9. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the retainer comprises an expandable element which engages part of a flange carried by the gas generator, the expandable element, on expansion thereof, serving to move the gas generator to the open position.

10. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to ~~claim 9~~ Claim 9, wherein the expandable element is plastically deformable.

11. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to ~~claim 9 or 10~~ Claim 9, wherein the expandable element comprises a bellows arrangement provided with a pyrotechnic device.

12. (NEW) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator moves between the open and closed position through movement about a hinge.

13. (NEW) An arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator is urged to move to the open position by the pressure of the gas from the gas generator inflating the air-bag.

14. (NEW) An arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the gas generator is urged to move to the open position by the retainer.